

Six Important Facts on Virginia & the Affordable Care Act

1. At this time, Virginia has not made a final decision regarding expanding Medicaid coverage to new eligibility groups

While Virginia will not be expanding healthcare options through its Medicaid program at this time, the Affordable Care Act does bring new coverage options through the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace for those that qualify.

2. Citizens already receiving Medicaid or Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) benefits will see no changes – with a few exceptions

Individuals who are currently covered by Medicaid/FAMIS will remain on the program with only a few exceptions resulting from a change in the method used to determine Medicaid/FAMIS eligibility. At renewal, if a case is determined to no longer be eligible, the local agency staff will assess and make a referral to the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace, as appropriate.

3. Citizens are encouraged to use the CommonHelp website to apply for Medicaid or FAMIS benefits.

The quickest and simplest option for Individuals to apply is online through the [CommonHelp](#) site. Individuals can also apply via mail, fax or in person. Most applications that are ineligible for Medicaid or FAMIS will be sent to the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace.

4. For further information on health care coverage options in Virginia—(effective October 1) visit www.coverva.org

5. Telephonic Applications:

Individuals can apply for Medicaid/ FAMIS ONLY by calling 1-855-242-8282 (effective October 1). This call center is for application intake only. Individuals cannot apply for other public benefits through this call center.

6. New health care coverage options will exist through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace

Beginning October 1, individuals can begin comparing and purchasing health insurance in the federal Health Insurance Marketplace by visiting www.healthcare.gov or calling 1-800-318- 2596, they will also be able to see if they qualify for a subsidy to help offset the cost of insurance. (Spanish version www.CuidadoDeSalud.gov)